

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Authorizing the Appeal of the)	RESOLUTION
Denial of LUR 96-00756 CU EN AD)	96-213
(Inverness Jail Expansion))	

WHEREAS, the matter of authorizing an appeal of the City of Portland, Bureau of Planning, Hearings Officer denial of County application in LUR 96-00756 CU EN AD, (for the expansion of Inverness Jail) came before the Board of County Commissioner (Board) on December 12, 1996; and

WHEREAS, proponents and opponents of the Inverness Jail expansion appeared and spoke before the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board based upon the testimony, evidence and state and local law, makes the following findings:

1. The Board has the authority to make the determination whether to appeal an adverse land use decision by the City of Portland as the applicant, by and through its Department of Environmental Services Facilities Management and as the governing body of the County which is the owner of all the physical facilities of the County.
2. One of the urgent benchmarks of the county is to provide increased public safety to the citizens of Multnomah County; increased jail capacity will help the County increase public safety.
3. House Bill 1145 passed by the Oregon Legislature in 1995 requires the County to provide jail facilities to additional categories of prisoners beginning January 1, 1997 and to take physical custody January 1, 1998.
4. The County has entered into an agreement with the State of Oregon to house County prisoners in state facilities until January 1, 1998, at County expense.

5. The County will have these State housed County prisoners released to County custody on January 1, 1998, making time of the essence in securing the required development permits.

6. The Board wishes to protect the Columbia Slough by preserving a 50 foot buffer around the wildlife corridor of the north side of the Inverness Jail. At the same time, the Board seeks an expeditious issuance of the building permit.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that an appeal should be taken to Portland City Council of the adverse land use decision in the above-captioned matter denying the County's application for a conditional use to expand Inverness Jail; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall negotiate for an agreement that preserves a 50 foot buffer around the wildlife corridor of the north side of the Inverness Jail. If an agreement cannot be reached before the scheduled Portland City Council hearing, the issue of the County's position on this matter will return to the Board of Commissioners for further consideration.

APPROVED this 12th day of December, 1996.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Beverly Stein, Chair

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